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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace previous paragraphs [0011] - [0013] with the below listed paragraphs [0011] - [0013] describing the figures:

[0011] Fig. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the rear frame and the rear end plate of the grader of Fig. 1.

[0012] Fig. 3 is a rear view of the grader of Fig. 1 with a rear-mounted ripper and a sectional view through the rear end plate.

[0013] Fig. 4 is an enlarged section view through the rear end plate of the grader of Fig. 3.

Please insert paragraphs [0014] and [0015] below previous paragraph [0013]:

[0014] Fig. 5 is a rear view of a grader without rear-mounted equipment with a rear end plate of great wall thickness and

[0015] Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional view through the rear end plate of the grader of Fig. 5.

Please replace previous paragraphs [0018] and [0019] with the below paragraphs [0018] and [0019]:

[0018] In Fig. 3, the rear view of the grader shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is depicted, which is envisaged for use with a rear-mounted implement 10 having a high or heavy weight. Therefore, here the rear end plate 5 has a relatively small wall thickness, in order, together with a heavy piece of rear-mounted equipment 10, for example a rear-mounted ripper 9, to provide an optimum axle load distribution for the grader. To be seen well here is also, lighting 8 is integrated into the rear end plate 5, where on both sides at its outer ends a combined brake light/tail light and flasher 23 and inside as well a reversing light are located. To enable the ripping cylinder for the

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on both sides at its outer ends a combined brake light/tail light and flasher 23 and inside as well a reversing light are located. To enable the ripping cylinder for the rear-mounted ripper 9 to pass through the rear end plate, the rear end plate has been equipped with recesses 25. For the releasable attachment of the rear end plate 5 on the rear transverse beam 22 there are several screwed or bolted connections 26 as shown in Fig. 3.

[0019] A second example embodiment of a grader in accordance with the invention for deployment without a rear-mounted implement 10 is shown in Fig. 5 where the rear end plate 5 has a considerably greater wall thickness than in the first example. For the releasable attachment of the rear end plate 5 having a larger wall thickness on the rear transverse beam 22 several screwed or bolted connections 26 are similarly used as shown in Fig. 6.